Grants received from USAID

3215. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Agency for International Development has signed grant Agreements with India for a total amount of 1100 crores during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the projects for which the USAID has agreed to release grants during the current year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Aid given by the USAID for various projects in the previous years remained unutilised;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for non-utilisation of USAID grants in the previous years;

(e) what is the total amount that India received during the last five years by way of USAID; and

(f) the total amount of grant, project-wise and the amount utilised during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) During the US Fiscal year 1992 (Oct. 1991-Sept. 1992) agreements for grant assistance to three new projects *viz.* Innovations in Family Planning Services Project, AIDS Prevention and Control Project and Trade in Environmental Services and Technologies Project have been signed with USAID. The total grant assistance committed by USAID over the life of these three projects is US $ 260 million. In addition, during the above mentioned period, an agreement for commodity grant assistance of US $ 25 million in each of the US Fiscal year 1992 and Fiscal year 1993 has also been signed.

(c) and (d) The assistance has not been fully utilised in some of the projects implemented in the past with USAID assistance because of various reasons like delay in providing infrastructure facilities for the project, non-availability of adequate counter-part rupee funds, exchange rate fluctuation, etc.

(e) The total amount of development assistance obligated by USAID during US fiscal years 1988 to 1992 was US $ 165.728 million.

(f) A statement indicating the amount obligated and the assistance utilised for each project during the above mentioned period is attached.

Statement

U.S. Development Assistance Program in India, FY 1988—FY 1992

(US $ Million)

Sl. No.	PROJECT	AMOUNT OBLIGATED	AMOUNT DISBURSED
1	2	3	4
1.	Agricultural Research	—	15.738
2.	Alternative Energy Resources Development	1.000	3.887
3.	Integrated Child Development Services	—	4.619
4.	Madhya Pradesh Minor Irrigation	—	2.991
5.	Water Resources Management and Training	19.300	28.778
6.	Family Planning Communication and Marketing	3.864	11.410
7.	Development Management and Training	1.500	5.762
8.	Hill Areas Land and Water Development	—	3.219

1	2	3	4
9.	Maharashtra Minor Irrigation	—	3.302
10.	Biomedical Research Support	1.000	2.893
11.	Programme for Acceleration of Commercial Energy Research	7.291	1.612
12.	National Social Forestry	13.700	5.914
13.	Programme for Advancement of Commercial Technology	9.196	8.859
14.	Contraceptive Development and Research in Immunology	2.200	1.012
15.	Vaccine and Immunodiagnostic Development	1.000	0.820
16.	Child Survival Health Support	20.530	42.112
17.	Centre for Technology Development	5.000	1.072
18.	Private Voluntary Organisation for Health-II	6.200	0.974
19.	Plant Genetic Resources	14.700	0.976
20.	Technical Assistance and Support	12.570	2.206
21.	Energy Management Consultation and Training	7.157	0.005
22.	Agricultural Commercialisation and Enterprise	7.200	0.041
23.	AIDS Prevention and Control	2.120	—
24.	Housing Finance System	1.000	—
25.	Innovations in Family Planning Services	20.000	—
26.	Trade in Environmental Services and Technologies	4.200	—
27.	Quality Control of Health Technologies	5.000	—
28.	Maharashtra Social Forestry	—	1.086
29.	Maharashtra Irrigation Technology	—	1.342
30.	Technologies for Rural Poor	—	0.005
31.	Madhya Pradesh Social Forestry	—	0.003
32.	Mixed Credit and Computers	—	4.415

Note: It will be noticed that the total amount of assistance disbursed is greater in several cases than aid obligated during the last five years. This is because aid disbursed includes aid obligated in years prior to the five years since aid obligated under the project could be utilised at any time till the closing of the project.

Proposal to bring in a fresh package of economic and financial reforms

3216. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring in a fresh package of economic and financial reforms to attract more foreign investment and promote development in the country; and

(b) if so, by when those reforms will be brought into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Policy relating to foreign investment is analysed on a continuous basis to meet emerging situation in the domestic economy and perceptions of foreign investors.

Functioning of LIC in Bihar

3217. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of LIC which are functioning at present in the State of Bihar with details thereof, district-wise;

(b) what is the average annual business done by the LIC network in Bihar and what was the actual business done during the last three financial years with year-wise details;